

## Rushcliffe Borough Council – Scrutiny Matrix

<b>Councillor Request for Scrutiny</b>		
Councillor C Thomas		
<b>Proposed topic of scrutiny</b>	Biodiversity Net Gain	
<b>I would like to understand (key lines of enquiry)</b>	<p>The Environment Act 2021 requires new developments to provide a 10% biodiversity net gain. This will be by amendment of the Town &amp; Country Planning Act and is due to be implemented in 2023.</p> <p>I would like to understand what this will mean in practice and how the council is preparing for the change.</p>	
<b>I think this topic should be scrutinised because (please tick)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor Performance Identified</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Change in Legislation or Local Policy</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resident Concern or Interest</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cabinet Recommendation</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Links to the Corporate Strategy</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other (please state reason)</b>
<b>Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny</b>		
<b>Officer Feedback (please tick)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
- Issue already being addressed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a legal matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue of a complaint investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a staffing matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is not considered an issue for scrutiny – officers are able to provide this information directly to the Councillor concerned or to all Councillors if preferred.
<b>Is there sufficient capacity</b>		

- <b>Scrutiny Work Programme?</b>		
- <b>Officer Resources?</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	Item is not recommended for scrutiny. Information has been provided directly to Councillor Thomas to address the points raised.	
<b>Lead Officer</b>		
<b>Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group</b>		

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<b>Councillor Request for Scrutiny</b>		
Councillor J Walker		
<b>Proposed topic of scrutiny ...</b>	The online and print communication put out by the borough.	
<b>I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does our communication compare with those put out by other councils?</li> <li>2. What is the budget and how is it divided to ensure a broad representation of all political views considering around a third of Cllrs are not from the ruling party?</li> <li>3. Are ward Cllrs always included in communications put out about their area?</li> <li>4. Where are the funds to support our communications to residents agreed and how is it accountable to council and the taxpayer?</li> <li>5. What is the ratio of the political representation in our online, print communications and press releases?</li> </ol>	
<b>I think this topic should be scrutinised because ... (please tick)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor Performance Identified</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Change in Legislation or Local Policy</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resident Concern or Interest</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cabinet Recommendation</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Links to the Corporate Strategy</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other (please state reason)</b> Concerns of ward Cllrs
<b>Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny</b>		

<b>Officer Feedback (please tick)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
- Issue already being addressed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a legal matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue of a complaint investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a staffing matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Is there sufficient capacity ...</b>		
- <b>Scrutiny Work Programme?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- <b>Officer Resources?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Recommendation</b>		<p>The Council is shortly to publish a new External Communications Strategy. Widening the scope of this suggested scrutiny topic would enable Councillors to consider this issue as part of a wider discussion. A broader remit may also enable concerns raised in the residents' survey last year about the Council's communications to be explored in more depth. Council communications are apolitical and promote what the Council does in relation to delivering the Corporate Strategy and therefore inevitably involves respective Cabinet members or the Mayor when there are civic duties.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>		Ed Palmer
<b>Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group</b>		Potential for Communities Scrutiny Group in October 2022.

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<b>Councillor Request for Scrutiny</b>		
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<b>Proposed topic of scrutiny ...</b>	Electric Car Charging Points in the Borough	
<b>I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)</b>	<p>How is it decided where EV points are installed?</p> <p>How do communities and/or Parishes put in bids to have EV points in their car parks?</p> <p>What is the strategic plan for EV points in all our new homes and local government-owned car parks considering the rising costs of petrol and diesel?</p>	
<b>I think this topic should be scrutinised because ... (please tick)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Poor Performance Identified</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Change in Legislation or Local Policy</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resident Concern or Interest</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cabinet Recommendation</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Links to the Corporate Strategy</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other (please state reason)</b> Soaring cost of petrol and diesel	
<b>Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny</b>		
<b>Officer Feedback (please tick)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
- Issue already being addressed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a legal matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue of a complaint investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a staffing matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Is there sufficient capacity ...</b>		
- Scrutiny Work Programme?	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- <b>Officer Resources?</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	These questions have been passed onto officers who will address these points in the update scrutiny item for Communities Scrutiny Group in April – Carbon Management Plan. There is no need for a separate scrutiny session on this topic. In addition, these are questions that officers would have been happy to answer directly if asked.	
<b>Lead Officer</b>		
<b>Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group</b>		

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